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# Editor's Note

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Welcome to the September 2018 issue of *International News*. This issue is indeed a special one that brings to life a variety of events around the world involving our community. The International Congress of Actuaries (ICA) was held in June in Berlin, where we had the pleasure of meeting many of you in person for the first time—readers, authors, editors and fellow Society of Actuaries (SOA) members. We present to you two articles on the ICA, one by our editorial board member, Carlos Arocha, and another by Cathy Lyn, former chair of the International Association of Consulting Actuaries (IACA) and contributing author for this newsletter. The ICA was a unique opportunity to build connections across our international community. We also feature two articles on the SOA's Latin America Committee and recent developments in Colombia and Argentina. Our SOA staff partner, Ben Marshall, presents a piece on the Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) in Canada.

In addition to the latest happenings within our community, we bring to you a range of actuarial perspectives from around the globe. Two hot topics from the regulatory world that affect many of us are International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 17 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), both of which are featured in this issue. In the Middle East and Africa we discuss education, microinsurance and risk frameworks. In Asia we cover a discussion around one of the newest International Association of Actuaries (IAA) member groups, professionalism and individual interviews.

Finally, this issue marks the end of 2018 for us and with that it is also time to say goodbye to one of the long-time leaders of the section, Vincent Xuan. Vincent has had numerous responsibilities, most recently as chair, and also as council member and chief editor of the newsletter. On a personal note, it has been a true



pleasure working with Vincent both as a fellow council member and editor over the last few years. He will be truly missed and we wish him continued success in the future.

That is it for now. I hope you enjoy delving into this issue and I look forward to seeing you next in 2019. ■



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